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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OPERATION IN SOMALIA

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 13th plenary meeting, on 25 September 1992, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/47/243), decided to include in the agenda of its forty-seventh session an item entitled "Financing of the United Operation in Somalia" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. At its 63rd and 64th meetings, on 5 and 8 April 1993, the Fifth Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the initial phase of the expanded size and mandate of the United Nations Operation in Somalia (UNOSOM II) (A/47/916) and the related oral report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (see A/C.5/47/SR.63).

3. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/47/SR.63 and 64).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/47/L.37

4. At the 64th meeting, on 8 April, the Chairman of the Fifth Committee introduced draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.37.

5. At the same meeting, the representative of Austria orally revised operative paragraph 9 of the draft resolution by adding, after the words "Slovak Republic", the words "and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia".

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.37, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 8).

7. The representatives of Japan, Austria, the United States and Turkey spoke in explanation of position.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

8. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the initial phase of the expanded size and mandate of the United Nations Operation in Somalia 1/ and the related oral report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 751 (1992) of 24 April 1992, by which the Council established the United Nations Operation in Somalia, and resolution 814 (1993) of 26 March 1993, by which the Council expanded the size of the force of the United Nations Operation in Somalia and authorized the mandate for the expanded Operation (United Nations Operation in Somalia II) for an initial period through 31 October 1993,

Bearing in mind also Security Council resolution 794 (1992) of 3 December 1992,

Expressing appreciation to those countries that participated in, and made contributions to, the Unified Task Force in Somalia,

Recalling its resolution 47/41 of 1 December 1992 on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia,

Recalling also its responsibility in considering and approving the budget of the Organization in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 1, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing that the costs of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing also that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the deployment of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

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1/ A/47/916.

2/ See A/C.5/47/SR.63.

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the expanded Operation with the required resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Expressing concern about the financial situation of the Organization, in particular the fact that its reserves, including the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund, are almost depleted owing to the late payment of contributions by Member States,

1. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the oral report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

2. Reiterates the concern it had expressed, when considering other peace-keeping budget estimates, about the lack of detailed budgetary information in the report of the Secretary-General, and regrets that the figures presented do not have enough justification and will need to be adjusted in the detailed budget estimates to be presented not later than 15 June 1993;

3. Urges all Member States to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Operation in Somalia II promptly and in full;

4. Decides to continue to use the Special Account established for the United Nations Operation in Somalia in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/41 for the United Nations Operation in Somalia II;

5. Decides also, as an exceptional measure, pending submission of detailed budget estimates for the United Nations Operation in Somalia II and the performance report for the United Nations Operation in Somalia by the Secretary-General, to appropriate to the Special Account an amount of 300,000,000 United States dollars for the operation of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II for the period from 1 May to 30 June 1993, and notes that this appropriation takes into account the unencumbered balance of appropriation remaining in the Special Account;

6. Decides further to take into account the amount of 300,000,000 dollars appropriated above against the full assessments to be levied on Member States upon the approval of the total cost estimates of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II;

7. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, to assess and apportion the amount of 300,000,000 dollars for the period from 1 May to 30 June 1993 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of

27 August 1991 and 46/198 of 20 December 1991, and taking into account the scale of assessments set out in resolution 46/221 of 20 December 1991 and decision 47/456 of 23 December 1992;

8. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment of Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income for the period from 1 May to 31 October 1993 in the context of the detailed budget estimates to be submitted not later than 15 June 1993;

9. Decides further to establish the contributions of the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations Operation in Somalia II in accordance with the rates of assessment to be adopted by the General Assembly for those Member States at its forty-eighth session;

10. Invites the new Member States mentioned in paragraph 9 above to make advance payments against their assessed contributions, to be determined;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to submit as soon as possible but not later than 15 June 1993 detailed cost estimates for the United Nations Operation in Somalia II for the entire mandate period through 31 October 1993, taking into account the views and observations of Member States in the Fifth Committee, and also requests the Secretary-General to report at that time on the actual expenditure for the Operation;

12. Invites voluntary contributions to the United Nations Operation in Somalia II in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

13. Invites Member States to make voluntary contributions to the fund established pursuant to Security Council resolution 794 (1992) in accordance with paragraph 15 of Security Council resolution 814 (1993);

14. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that all United Nations activities related to the United Nations Operation in Somalia II are administered under the authority of his Special Representative in a coordinated fashion with a maximum of efficiency and economy and in accordance with the relevant mandates.